FALSE TEACHERS AND THEIR DESTRUCTION

2 Peter 2:1–22

Key Verse: 2:9

1. What does Peter predict? (1; cf. Jude 4) What are the main traits of false teachers, and how can we avoid being led astray by such people? (1b–3a)
2. Of what is Peter sure? (3b) What three illustrations does he use to teach us? (4–8) What lesson can we learn from God’s dealing with these angels? (4; cf. Jude 6) From Noah and the flood? (5) From Sodom and Gomorrah and Lot? (6–8; cf. Jude 7)
3. Read verse 9. What does God know how to do? What kinds of “trials” does he rescue us from? What does it mean that he “holds” the unrighteous for punishment? Why is it important to believe this about God?
4. What more does Peter say about the traits of false teachers? (10; cf. Jude 8) How are angels a contrast to them? (11) What does he emphasize about them, and why? (12; cf. Jude 10)
5. How does Peter describe their bad influence? (13,14; cf. Jude 12) What lesson should we learn from the story of Balaam and the donkey? (15,16; cf. Nu22:21–35) How else does Peter describe false teachers? (17,18; cf. Jude 13) How does he contrast their promise with their reality? (19)
6. What does Peter say about their backsliding? (20) What comment does he make? (21) What two proverbs describe them? (22) In light of this passage, how can we avoid falling under the influence of false teachers today?